

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A recording apparatus which records data on a recording medium comprising:

a suction unit for sucking a recording medium which has passed in a recording unit, said suction unit having a plurality of suction ports in a transporting direction of the recording medium; and

wherein when the recording medium is not transported on the suction unit, the suction ports are closed, and when the recording medium is transported on the suction unit, the suction ports are sequentially opened in accordance with transportation of a leading end of the recording medium.

2. A recording apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the suction ports are opened and closed by a shutter.

3. A recording apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the shutter is operated and closed by a cam mechanism.

4. The recording apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein holes corresponding to the suction ports are formed on the shutter.

5. A recording apparatus according to Claim 4, wherein

the holes formed on the shutter are provided so as to be longer on an upstream side of the transportation of the recording medium than on a downstream side of the transportation of the recording medium.

6. A recording apparatus which records data on a recording medium comprising:

a suction unit for sucking a recording medium which has passed in a recording unit; and

a changing means for changing a sucking force of the suction means in accordance with a property of the recording medium.

7. A recording apparatus according to Claim 6, wherein the sucking force of the suction unit is changed so as to become larger as the recording medium becomes thicker.

8. A recording apparatus according to Claim 6, wherein the changing means includes an operation unit operatable for a user.

9. A recording apparatus according to Claim 8, wherein the operation unit is constituted by a feeding key of the recording medium in an operation panel.

10. A recording apparatus according to Claim 8, wherein the operation unit performs an operation of changing the sucking force of the suction unit by multi-step.

11. A recording apparatus according to Claim 8, wherein the operation unit is available when the recording medium is set.

12. A recording apparatus according to any one of Claims 1 through 5, further comprising a means for changing the sucking force of the suction unit.

13. A recording apparatus according to Claim 6, the suction unit including a plate member constituting a suction portion on a transportation surface of the recording medium and having a plurality of suction ports, a shutter provided under the plate member having a plurality of holes corresponding to the suction ports, and a fan for generating a sucking force on the suction ports,

wherein the shutter opens and closes the suction ports by relatively moving with respect to the plate member.

14. A recording apparatus according to Claim 13,

wherein the shutter is operated and closed by a cam mechanism.

15. A recording apparatus according to Claim 13, wherein the suction ports are constituted by at least two rows of the suction ports, the suction ports in each row are arranged substantially perpendicular to a transportation direction of the recording medium,

the holes formed on the shutter are constituted by at least two rows of the holes correspondingly to the suction ports, and

the holes in a row provided on an upstream side of the transportation of the recording medium are formed longer than the holes in a row provided on a downstream side of the transportation of the recording medium.